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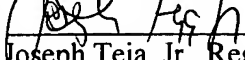
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- ☒ Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status
- ☒ Response to Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance
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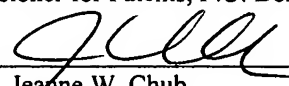
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**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.27(g)(2))**

Sir:

Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent Office that they are no longer entitled to status as a small entity with respect to this application, and that the claim for small entity status is hereby withdrawn.

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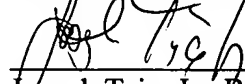
In the Notice of Allowance mailed May 12, 2004 in the above-identified application, claims 2-13 and 15-51, now numbered 1-49, are allowed.

The Notice of Allowance includes an Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability. While Applicants agree that the prior art does not disclose limitations indicated in the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance, Applicants respectfully note that specific limitations indicated by the Examiner do not necessarily correspond verbatim to the features recited in each of the independent claims. In particular, each of the independent claims distinguishes over the prior art based on the particular limitations recited in the claim, and is patentable on its own merits (in some cases, perhaps, for reasons other than those indicated in the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance).

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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